

ART OF BUILDING A CITY

Judge E. Wakeley Fingests How Omaha May Be Kept to the Front

HE ADDRESSES REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE

Practical Hints on How to Attract Newcomers to Omaha and Stimulate a Healthy Growth.

Judge E. Wakeley by request informally addressed the Real Estate exchange at its weekly dinner in the Commercial club rooms Wednesday last. He said in substance that, while appreciating the commendable effort of being invited to speak to the exchange, he had to ask himself what a lawyer could say that would be profitable or entertaining to such an assemblage.

"We must consider for a moment what has led to present conditions in the real estate market here. As everybody knows, the boom period of Omaha, running from 1883 to near the end of that decade, carried it forward at a headlong pace from a city of 20,000 to one of 100,000 people. In this estimate I do not accept the figures of the inflated census of 1890, but forth to deceive ourselves and others, which have been rectified and have put us to the humiliating necessity of finally admitting the truth, to explain the present conditions. Notwithstanding its figures, it still tells, however, that Omaha today has a larger population than ever before in its history.

Review of Boom Times. The extravagant and unfounded hopes of that period advanced selling prices beyond reason. It further stimulated the plating of large outlying tracts into residence suburbs for which there was no necessity and could be no permanent demand. Doubtless some of you present have profited, as you had a right to do, by that policy. If people would buy, you had a right to sell, but the truth remains that this created a large surplus of residence lots to be disposed of and still awaiting purchasers. The result has been that since the collapse a vast number of vacant and uncultivated lots have been upon the market and the hard panic times which ensued impoverished and discouraged those who might otherwise have bought such property for improvement. Other causes, well known, have intensified this condition. Time does not permit the review of them. Omaha, therefore, in late years has experienced the force of that old, inexorable, economic law that prices of commodities are regulated by supply and demand. This applies as well to lands as other property, and in this city it is especially applicable to residence lots. The lessened demand and lower prices offered were inevitable.

How to Stimulate Growth. Evidently by keeping our present people and getting others to come here for business or for residence. To you real estate men, co-operating with the persistent and effective efforts of the Commercial club, is due the increased and increasing influx of business men and business enterprises—stores, wholesale and retail; implement houses and factories—which has marked the progress of the city in the last few years and promises to continue in the future. You need no argument or incitement to remind you of this. But another factor must not be overlooked. People come to and abide in cities for varied motives. Employment as wage-earners, business ventures, demand for capital, professional pursuits, hopes of professional advancement, and kindred inducements appealing to material interests. But there is a class of citizens in this country increasing in numbers and already quite large which, by good fortune, can select its place of abode, regardless of business from social or aesthetic reasons. To secure these, cities must be made attractive. Schools, churches, libraries and social advantages must be furnished. It may be already said of Omaha, without reserve, that in these respects it is not far behind other cities. But it is not enough to be second best. It must be first. It must be made attractive to the social and aesthetic classes. The splendid system of parks and boulevards organized in recent years and now going forward to completion—far from insignificant—already promises much for Omaha in the near future.

Aesthetic Side of the Question. Fine homes, handsome grounds, trees, flowers, architecture, street improvements, whatever goes to embellish or ornament cities must be encouraged and demanded. Liberal expenditures for all these objects by individuals or by the public is not an extravagance. Reasonable taxes to keep up our parks and boulevards will be just and bring their reward, even if it is to be done by greater economy in other lines. Make Omaha an attractive city in all things, as well as a business metropolis. Make it an object and inducement for people of culture and refinement to live here, as well for social and aesthetic reasons as for business, and thus make and increase the demand for property.

Other topics worth your attention—financial among the most important—and which are receiving it from week to week and from day to day might be mentioned, but I bear in mind that I am speaking to business men in business hours and must not detain you. Yet one thought more. The future of Omaha is an ever-present query. What is it to be? Passing over all statistics and all details, let me sum it up by saying, from more than thirty years' continuous residence and observation, noting all the vicissitudes of its career,

NEW NEBRASKA BALLOT LAW

Makes Service of Judges and Clerks on Election Boards Compulsory.

CUTS EXPENSE IN CITY PRECINCTS

Reduction in Number of Judges Will Save Money for the Taxpayer—Form of Ballot Changed.

Hereafter election judges and clerks in Nebraska will serve where they want to or not—unless they can furnish good and sufficient reasons to be excused. As in the case of jurors, service will be compulsory. The election laws of the state, as revised at the recent session of the legislature, provide that the judges and clerks of the district court instead of by the judge of the county court, as has been the practice. The appointments are to be made from lists of names furnished to the clerk by the chairman of the various county central committees, and for that reason it is not likely that the compulsory feature of the revised laws will work a hardship on any citizen.

One of the most important changes made in the election arrangements by the new law is the reduction of the number of judges in each city precinct from six to three. This may put a little more real work into the hands of the gentlemen who officiate at the election booths, but it will save many thousands of dollars for the people at every election. In the cities of Omaha and South Omaha there are eighty-five election precincts, and with six judges at each precinct drawing \$5 for the day, this item of expense in these two cities amounts to \$4,500 for every election where school board candidates have been on the ticket. Reducing the number of judges by one-half the new law saves one-half the expense on this item. Each judge is allowed \$3 a day from the county, a like amount from the city and a third \$3 from the Board of Education whenever that organization figures in the election.

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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY. LOST, moth-colored coat, underbelt on left ear, chain and rope on neck. Return to G. A. Robinson, 1339 S. 30th ave., for reward.

such candidates will not receive any benefit from the arrangement for straight voting, but will suffer the loss of the votes of those electors who will hastily put a cross in the circle with the understanding that they have voted for a candidate for every office mentioned on the ballot.

GREAT WESTERN IS COMING

The statement that the Chicago Great Western will build into Omaha during the coming summer appears to be founded on facts, but no negotiations for entrance into the city have been commenced. The reports in The Bee a week ago have been confirmed by President Stickney, in statements from Great Western officials at Des Moines and also by R. C. Wright, secretary of the company, while he was in Port Dodge last week. The latest information is that the Omaha line will be built at once and that the Sioux City extension must wait.

John R. Webster, president of the Omaha Bridge and Terminal company, said Sunday afternoon that no negotiations are pending between the Great Western and his company for an entrance into Omaha. "We had some correspondence in regard to this matter three years ago," continued Mr. Webster, "but the line was never built and we have heard nothing of it since. It was then understood that the entrance was to be by our tracks and bridge."

Tourist Cars To California. Through tourist sleeping cars for California now leave the Burlington station as follows: Tuesdays—8:40 a. m. Tuesdays—10:30 p. m. Wednesdays—1:25 p. m. Thursdays—4:25 p. m. Twenty-five dollars buys a ticket on Tuesdays in April; forty dollars, on other days. Five dollars buys a berth.

Best Service, Best Equipment, Best Trains, Best Track, Best Route, TO THE Epworth League Convention. San Francisco, Cal., July, 1901. THE UNION PACIFIC. MANY HOURS QUICKER VIA THE UNION PACIFIC FROM MISSOURI RIVER POINTS THAN VIA ANY OTHER LINE.

Change in Form of Ballot. Important changes in the form of the ballot are made by the revision of the law. The names of the candidates must be printed in a single column, the width of the ballot being limited to six inches. Provision is also made for voting a straight party ticket by marking a single cross. At the top and left side of the ballot is to be printed in blackface type, not less than an eighth of an inch high, the name of each party having candidates on the ballot, and to the right of each party name is to be printed a circle one-half inch in diameter. Over the top circle the following instructions are to be printed: "To vote a straight ticket make a cross within the field of the circle."

HAYDEN'S \$50,000 worth of Cloaks, Suits, Waists At One-Third Price. Our resident New York buyer made this purchase early last week. \$50,000 worth in all. One of the greatest stocks that was ever secured by an Omaha house. The well known house of Klein, Messner & Co., were glad to unload their spring stock at one-third price. The cold, backward season in the eastern market, was the cause of this, and there are more to come. Keep your eye on us for the next 30 and 60 days. Watch us closely, and you will find that we will have bargains galore for you in this department.

THE STOCK IS MARKED, CHECKED AND WILL BE ON SALE MONDAY. Women's light weight raglan coats—all the rage in New York—made to sell for \$20.00, at \$8.90. Women's box coats, lined with Skinner satin, made to sell at \$15.00, for \$6.90. WOMEN'S SILK WAISTS. 1 lot women's silk waists, in all the new shades, with the new backs, new front and new sleeve, a \$5 waist for \$1.95. 1 lot of women's new tailor made suits, silk lined throughout, made in the newest styles, Boston sleeve, L'Aiglon collar, manufacturers' price \$18.50, Hayden's price \$10.00. 1 lot of women's suits, in the new styles, homespuns and velvets, manufacturers' price \$12.00, for \$7.75. 1 table of women's skirts, made to sell for \$3.00, for 75c.

200 Women's Silk Dress Skirts. They're like you never saw before—prices too varied and too numerous to mention. You can rely on it they are cheap at \$4.00, \$6.00, \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$15.00. 1 lot of women's silk waists, in 34, 35, 35 only. They are worth \$3.00 for \$2.50. All the women's capes in this house at one-third price. Women's nice silk capes for \$1.50. 200 ladies' capes, all silk trimmed with silk lacing and ribbon, for \$1.50. 1 table women's broad-bath, serge and pebble cheviot skirts, nearly all silk lined, worth \$15.00, at \$8.90. Women's silk taffeta dress skirts, worth \$10.00, for \$2.50. Children's and misses' jackets and dresses included in this sale. Prices will be quoted, same on Tuesday, as on Monday. 60 dozen wrappers, worth \$1.00, at 45c. 25 dozen wrappers, worth \$2, at 95c.

HAYDEN BROS. BUY THE GENUINE SYRUP OF FIGS. MANUFACTURED BY CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. NOTE THE NAME. H. L. RAMACCIOTTI, D. V. S. CITY VETERINARIAN, OMAHA, NEB. Office, 28th and Leavenworth Streets, Robertson Station. Correspondence solicited.

The Man Who Thinks He cannot be fitted in ready made goods thinks an impossibility, modern art and appliances have so simplified matters that all the various types of man, long, slim, short, stout—have each a special class of garments made for them. Add this to the fact that we keep a corps of competent tailors to make alterations to improve a fit—and you have positively on excuse for paying a merchant tailor \$30 to \$50 for a suit we sell you at one-third the price. The manufacturers pride themselves on the fact that their products turned out for this store equals, or even excels the finest merchant tailoring in stylish shaping and artistic trimming. Thus we have the wonderful tailor-made, ready-to-wear clothing of today. Nebraska Clothing Co. OMAHA

A Talk on HAYDEN'S Spring Clothing. Every man who has a regard for his pocketbook and wants to practice practical economy should see our line of clothing for spring. Those who patronize so-called "well" tailors we particularly invite, because we know it is the easiest thing in the world for us to convince them that we can clothe them equally as good and for less than half the money. STOP as you walk by our Sixteenth street clothing window. LOOK through our 115 new spring styles. If you have a few minutes time come in and examine the matchless values we have to offer you.

Men's All Wool Suits for \$3.75 that are matches elsewhere for less than \$6.50. Men's Black and Oxford Suits for \$5.00. Suits that no other store sells for less than \$8.50. Men's suits—fine Vicunas for \$7.75. Other stores would call them bargains at \$10.00. Men's Suits—new, stylish patterns—at \$7.50. Men's Very Fine Suits at \$8.50 and \$10.00. Over 25 handsome patterns to select from. Elegantly tailored and perfect fitting. Men's Extra Fine Suits for \$12.50 and \$15.00—Suits which can only be classed with the \$25.00 to \$35.00 made to order kind. Men's Very Finest Suits for \$18.00 to \$25.00—are equal only to the \$50.00 made to measure kind, except the price.

HAYDEN BROS. Selling the Most Clothing in Omaha.

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